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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK EMIGRE ON CHARTER 77

1. DCM HAD TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MARCH 10 WITH DR. FRANTISEK JANOUCH, CZECHOSLOVAK EMIGRE NUCLEAR PHYSICIST WHO STAYS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH OPPOSITION ELEMENTS INSIDE CZECHOSLOVAKIA. JANOUCH BELIEVES, AND IS TELLING SWEDISH AND GERMAN PRESS, THAT SITUATION IS DETERIORATING IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA AS A DIVIDED REGIME SEEKS TO COPE WITH THE CHARTER 77 DISSIDENTS, AND THAT PRESENT CONDITIONS CANNOT CONTINUE AS THEY ARE. DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM JANOUCH'S PUBLISHED WRITINGS THAT HE, LIKE SOME OTHER EMIGRES, TENDS TO MAGNIFY THE EXTENT OF TENSION CAUSED BY DISSIDENCE IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA; THIS IS PROBABLY ESPECIALLY TRUE NOW WHEN HE SEEMS TO BE COOPERATING ACTIVELY WITH THE CHARTER 77 PEOPLE TO HELP THEM ACCOMPLISH THEIR AIMS. NEVERTHELESS HIS VIEWS MAY BE OF SOME INTEREST IN SUPPLEMENTING THE EXCELLENT REPORTING FROM EMBASSY PRAGUE.

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2. JANOUCH SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM HAJEK CONTAINING AN ARTICLE (PROBABLY AN OPEN LETTER) WHICH WOULD APPEAR WITH A DAY OR TWO IN THE PRESS (PRESUMABLY SWEDISH BUT ALSO LIKELY GERMAN). IN IT HAJEK APPARENTLY COMPLAINS STRONGLY OF THE REPRESSIVE MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST HIM, KRIEGEL, AND OTHERS.

JANOUGH SAID KRIEGEL (WITH WHOM HE IS APPARENTLY FAIRLY CLOSE) HAD BEEN UNDER A KIND OF HOUSE ARREST, WITH POLICE STATIONED OUTSIDE HIS FIFTH-FLOOR APARTMENT PREVENTING ANYONE FROM GOING IN, AND FOLLOWING HIM WHENEVER KRIEGEL WENT OUT. THE SAME HELD TRUE FOR HAJEK, HE SAID.

3. IN JANOUGH'S VIEW, THE REPRESSION HAS GOTTEN CONSIDERABLY WORSE IN RECENT DAYS, AND THE TENSION IS SUCH THAT HE DOES NOT BELIEVE IT CAN CONTINUE AS IS. JANOUGH TOLD OF ARTICLES HE HAD GIVEN TO SWEDISH PRESS (SEE BELOW), AND SAID HE HAD GIVEN AN ARTICLE TO DIE ZEIT FOR PUBLICATION NEXT WEEK WHICH WAS A DEFENSE OF KRIEGEL. NOTING THAT KRIEGEL, BECAUSE OF HIS REFUSAL TO SIGN THE MOSCOW DIKTAT OF 1968, WAS A PARTICULAR BETE NOIRE OF MANY WITHIN THE REGIME, JANOUGH SAID THE CAMPAIGN OF VILLIFICATION AGAINST HIM WAS GETTING SERIOUS, RECALLING THE EXCESSES OF THE SLANSKY PERIOD. JANOUGH'S ARTICLE IS MEANT AS A DEFENSE OF KRIEGEL AND SETS THE RECORD STRAIGHT, HE SAID, ABOUT SUCH THINGS AS KRIEGEL'S SERVICE WITH THE ALLIED FORCES IN THE CHINA THEATER IN WWII. (JANOUGH READ FROM A TESTIMONIAL LETTER SIGNED BY A US ARMY OFFICER IN 1945 PRAISING KRIEGEL'S SERVICES HIGHLY AS A SURGEON; JANOUGH IS APPARENTLY USING THIS IN HIS ARTICLE.)

4. ARTICLE WHICH JANOUGH SAID HE FURNISHED STOCKHOLM DAILY EXPRESSEN APPEARED MARCH 9 (COPIES POUNCHED INR/RES AND PRAGUE). IT SAID THE FOUR ARRESTED INTELLECTUALS
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(LEDERER, HAVEL, PAVLICEK, ORNEST) WOULD BE FORCED TO CHOOSE BETWEEN LONG PRISON TERMS (ALTHOUGH TRIALS WOULD NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL AFTER BELGRADE) AND EMIGRATION, AND WOULD PROBABLY CHOOSE EMIGRATION. THIS STORY ALSO DELVED IN SOME DETAIL INTO ATTACHS ON KRIEGEL INVOLVING THE NAME OF OTTO SLING, WHO WAS PURGED ALONG WITH SLANSKY, AND CONCLUDES THAT SINCE HUSAK WAS CONDEMNED ALONG WITH SLING, HIS HARD-LINE OPPONENTS MAY BE TRYING TO GET AT HUSAK BY DIGGING INTO THE PAST. ANOTHER EXPRESSEN STORY ON MARCH 11 STORY ALLUDES TO TOUGHER METHODS BEING ADOPTED BY THE REGIME IN PRAGUE AND SAYS TEN OF THE MOST PROMINENT SIGNATORIES OF CHARTER 77 WILL BE DEPORTED FROM CSSR, TEN WILL BE TRIED FOR HAVING "ORGANIZED" THE DOCUMENT, AND THE OTHER SIGNATORIES, SOME 500 PERSONS, WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE PRAGUE AND OTHER LARGE CITIES AND BE PLACED IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS.
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